



October 2, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, the United States Telecommunications Association (“USTelecom”) nominates Alan J. Buzacott of Verizon Communications, Inc. (“Verizon”) to serve as the representative on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) for interexchange carriers with revenue of more than \$3 billion.

Mr. Buzacott has over 20 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, including in universal service and intercarrier compensation reform issues. Mr. Buzacott has served for two years on the USAC Board and on its School and Libraries Committee. He currently serves as Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs at Verizon, where he represents the company on a wide range of regulatory and policy matters. A copy of Mr. Buzacott’s professional biography is attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Spalter
President & CEO

Attachment

cc: Charles Tyler, Wireline Competition Bureau

Alan J. Buzacott

Alan Buzacott is Executive Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs for Verizon Communications, Inc. He represents Verizon before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on a variety of policy matters, including universal service and intercarrier compensation reform. He has served on the USAC Board of Directors since January 2016.

Mr. Buzacott has over twenty years of telecommunications industry experience. Since 1996, his responsibilities have included formulating public policy positions on a broad range of major industry issues and advocating those positions to federal and state regulators. In addition, he has represented Verizon in industry coalitions that have developed significant universal service and intercarrier compensation reform proposals.

Over the past decade, Mr. Buzacott has participated in the FCC's most important universal service rulemaking proceedings, including the high cost reform and intercarrier compensation reform proceeding that resulted in the creation of the Connect America Fund in 2011; the Lifeline reform proceeding that led to the 2016 *Lifeline Modernization Order*; and the E-rate rulemaking that resulted in the 2014 E-rate reform orders. In addition, he has represented Verizon in the FCC's contribution reform proceeding.

Mr. Buzacott received a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Toronto in 1987 and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering/Technology Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1990.